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NOTE VERBALE DATED 5 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 2 and 4 August 1993, there appear to have been 19 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached hereto as an annex.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 767.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(2-4 August 1993)

Serial number	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
771	2 August	0734	0737	NATO fighters made visual contact with a dark green MI-8 helicopter 38 kilometres from Sarajevo. The helicopter landed in a quarry 31 kilometres south of Sarajevo. Approximately 8 troops disembarked. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Very low
772	2 August	1012	1131	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 12 kilometres south-east of Zenica. The helicopter ignored numerous warnings, continued flying north and landed a few minutes later 10 kilometres south-east of Mostar. After being on the ground for only a short time, the helicopter took off again, heading north, and landed 50 kilometres south of Zenica on a road. Shortly afterwards, the helicopter took off once again and flew to Zenica where it landed beside two other MI-8s. Warnings were issued throughout the flight. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Low
773	2 August	1255	Unknown	United Nations military observers at Banja Luka observed a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter taking off. This flight was a Casualty Evacuation (CASEVAC) that had been denied as it did not meet the established guidelines. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East Slow Unknown
774	2 August	1600	1605	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white helicopter, probably an MI-8, flying 20 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. The helicopter soon landed 20 kilometres south of Tuzla, and a green truck arrived. Contact was lost at this point due to operational reasons. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Very slow Low
775	2 August	1735	1745	NATO fighters made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 20 kilometres west of Zenica. The helicopter soon landed 7 kilometres east of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Slow Very low

Serial number	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
776	3 August	0538	0608	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a blue and white MI-8 helicopter with red cross markings 7 kilometres south-east of Zenica. The helicopter ignored warnings issued by the fighters. Shortly thereafter, radar and visual contact was lost. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South/North Slow Low
777	3 August	0744	0753	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 60 kilometres south-east of Sarajevo. NATO fighters subsequently made radar and visual contact with a camouflaged green helicopter. Radar contact was lost for operational reasons 73 kilometres south-east of Sarajevo. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East Slow Low
778	3 August	1327	1332	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft, probably a helicopter, 33 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. Radar contact was lost a few minutes later, 45 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. NATO fighters did not make contact. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low
779	3 August	1300	1300	United Nations military observers observed a green Gazelle helicopter with an "S" marking taking off from Mt. Igman 5 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. Following a meeting with the United Nations military observers, Gen. Mladic boarded the aircraft. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North Fast Low
780-785	3 August	1500	1800	United Nations military observers observed a motorized glider flying 18 kilometres north of Bihac. Six sorties were flown, each with a duration of approximately 4 minutes. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Unknown
786	3 August	1900	1902	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a helicopter 43 kilometres south-west of Zenica. Contact was soon lost. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Slow 1,000 ft

Serial number	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
787-788	4 August	0540	0720	NATO fighters made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross markings over Zenica. It ignored numerous warnings and later landed 43 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. Shortly thereafter, the helicopter took off and was airborne a few minutes before it landed next to another MI-8 33 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. It was on the ground for only a short while before it took off, once again, ignoring warnings issued by the fighters and AWACS. The helicopter headed back to Zenica where it made two very short flights in the area with a second white MI-8 with blue stripes. On one of these flights, an ambulance met the first helicopter. Both helicopters returned to Zenica and joined a third MI-8 on the ground. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Very low/low Slow
789	4 August	0805	0809	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft, probably a helicopter, taking off from Zenica. It landed a couple of minutes later in a field 1 kilometre south-east of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Unknown Unknown